

**Integrated Flight Tests at Wake Atoll
Proposed Final Environmental Assessment**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508); Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 4715.9, Environmental Planning and Analysis; 32 CFR Part 989, *Environmental Impact Analysis Process*, Executive Order (EO) 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*; and 32 CFR 187, *Environmental Effects of Abroad of Major Department of Defense Actions*, the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts of performing Integrated Flight Tests (IFTs) at Wake Atoll and in the surrounding broad ocean area (BOA). MDA is currently planning to demonstrate a series of IFTs by using Wake Island and the BOA. IFTs would include up to five targets (ballistic missile targets and air-breathing remotely-piloted drones) in flight simultaneously. Aegis Standard Missile (SM) interceptors could engage short, medium, and intermediate range targets, and/or air-breathing drones. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense interceptors could engage short, medium, and intermediate range ballistic Missile targets. Phased Array Tracking Radar to Intercept Of Target interceptors could engage short or medium range ballistic missile targets or air-breathing targets. Other IFT activities would be conducted in the future to test various combinations of target missiles, interceptors, and sensor systems to continue to demonstrate the performance of the Ballistic Missile Defense System. During events, either target missiles or interceptors would be launched from Wake Island during a single test, but not both. Wilkes and Peale Islands would not be used at all.

Following analysis of the Proposed Action, the USAF and the MDA determined that no significant environmental impacts are expected. The Proposed Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and the Proposed Final EA, are available for a 30-day public review period from March 24 to April 23, 2015. Hard copies are available for review in the Environmental Office on Wake Island. The documents are also available on the MDA public Web site at http://www.mda.mil/news/environmental_reports.html. Submit written comments to arrive by April 23, 2015 to: 611 CES/CENP, Attn: James Fife, 10471 20th Street, Suite 325, JBER, AK 99506-2201. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to james.fife@us.af.mil.